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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES), PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT TO PARIS

REF: (A) STATE 219220; (B) PARIS 23437 (NOTAL)

1. WE PASSED TEXT OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT (REF A) TO MOD
SEPTEMBER 16. THE NOTED CONTENT, MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE
COMMENT ON IT, AND WILL ISSUE THEIR OWN SEPARATE ANNOUNCE-
MENT.

2. BASED ON INFORMATION WE RECEIVED FROM OSD/ISA, WE
HAVE WORKED OUT REVISED TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30: PROGRAM REMAINS UNCHANGED THROUGH 1200
DEPARTURE ILE LONGUE. NEW ELEMENT FOLLOWS:

1300 ARRIVE REIMS

1330 VISIT ARMY MECHANIZED BRIGADE (PART OF FIRST
FRENCH ARMY) NEAR REIMS

1500 DEPART MECHANIZED BRIGADE
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1530 VISIT US CEMETARY NEAR REIMS (THERE ARE TWO
NEAR BY: MEUSE-ARGONNE AND OISE-AISNE; VISIT
WILL BE TO CLOSEST ONE)

1600 DEPART CEMETARY

1630 DEPART REIMS BY AIR

1730 ARRIVE ISTRES (IN SOUTHERN FRANCE). OBSERVE
FLYING DEMONSTRATION BY MIRAGE F-1'S BASED AT
ORANGE AIR BASE. MIRAGES THEN TO LAND AT ISTRES
FOR VISIT BY SECDEF.

1830 DEPART ISTRA

1900 ARRIVE LES BAUX DE PROVINCE.

REST OF PROGRAM REMAINS AS IN REFB. TIMES, OF COURSE,
ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE AT THIS STAGE.

3. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE TO PARA 5A, REF B, MOD HAS
STARTED TO SET UP PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN THAT CABLE.
BEFORE THEY UNDO WHAT IS ALREADY BEING PLANNED FOR
TUESDAY (I.E., BEFORE MAKING CHANGES IN PARA 2 ABOVE),
MOD WANTS TO BE SURE THAT PROPOSED SCHEDULE, AS REVISED
ABOVE, MEETS DECDEF'S DESIRES. UNTIL WE HAVE SECDEF'S
REACTION, PREPARATIONS FOR TUESDAY ARE IN NEUTRAL GEAR.

4. OTHER CHANGES:

A. ARRIVAL - SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENSE
GENERAL BIGEARD WILL MEET SECDEF ON ARRIVAL , RATHER THAN
BOURGES.

B. DINNER MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29 - FRENCH HAVE DECIDED THAT
DINNER WILL BE STAG. CONSEQUENTLY, WE NO LONGER NEED
RESPONSE TO REF B, PARA 5B.

C. HONORS - MONDAY'S PROGRAM WILL STATE AT 0830 WITH
HONORS AT MOD. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM STARTS AT 0900.
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5. ACTION: REQUEST REPLY TO MOD REQUEST IN PARA 3
ABOVE NO LATER THAN COB SEPTEMBER 18.
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